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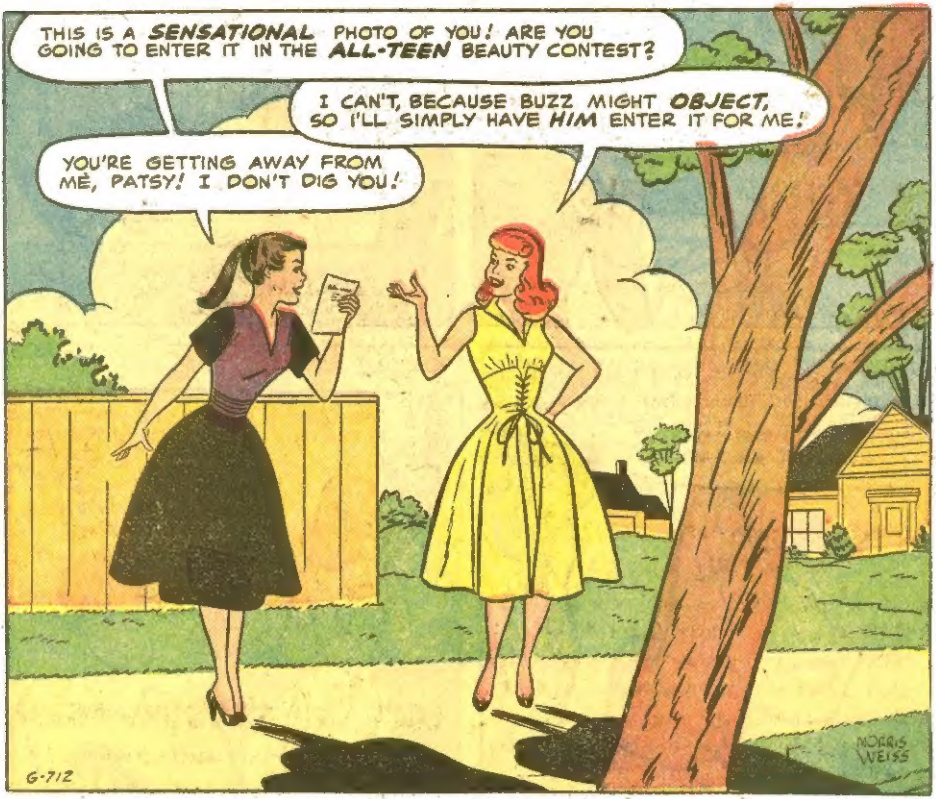
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I CAN'T, BECAUSE BUZZ MIGHT OBJECT, SO I'LL SIMPLY HAVE HIM ENTER IT FOR ME!
YOU'RE GETTING AWAY FROM ME, PATSY! I DON'T DIG YOU!
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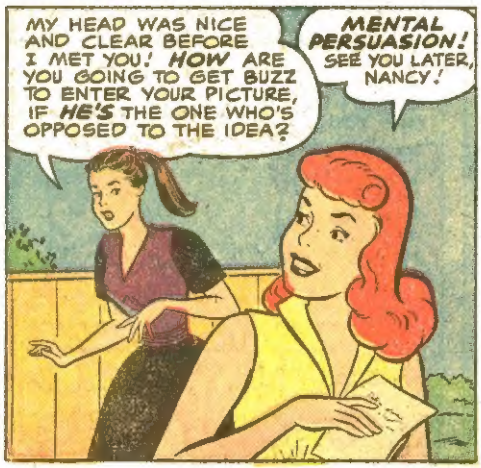
MORRIS WEISS


MY HEAD WAS NICE AND CLEAR BEFORE I MET YOU! HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET BUZZ TO ENTER YOUR PICTURE, IF HE'S THE ONE WHO'S OPPOSED TO THE IDEA?
MENTAL PERSUASION! SEE YOU LATER, NANCY!

IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT SOMETHING WAS MISSING IN YOUR LIFE, SO HERE IT IS--- A PHOTOGRAPH OF ME!
SAY--- THIS IS A LULU!
I KNEW YOU WOULD LIKE IT! IN FACT, THAT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF PICTURE I WOULD ENTER IN THE ALL-TEEN BEAUTY CONTEST, IF YOU WANTED ME TO ENTER IT!
WELL, I'M GLAD THAT'S SETTLED, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU TO ENTER IT!
I WOULDN'T DREAM OF GOING AGAINST YOUR WISHES---THAT'S WHY I'M GIVING YOU THE PICTURE! BUT IF YOU SHOULD TAKE IT UPON YOURSELF TO ENTER IT IN THE CONTEST, I WOULDN'T BE ANGRY!
S'LONG BUZZ!
S'LONG!
THE GERM IS PLANTED!
IF SHE WAITS FOR ME TO ENTER HER PICTURE IN THE CONTEST, SHE MAY WIN FIRST PRIZE AS GRANDMOTHER OF THE YEAR!
A FEW MINUTES LATER!
TERRIFIC SNAPSHOT OF PATSY! ARE YOU GOING TO SEND IT TO THE ALL-TEEN BEAUTY CONTEST?
NOT ON YOUR LIFE! I'M TAKING IT DOWN TO BE FRAMED, AND IT GOES ON MY DRESSER!
HMMM---SAY, I'M WORKING PART TIME AT THE PICTURE FRAMERS'! LET ME TAKE IT DOWN FOR YOU!
OKAY, CHARLEY! SEE THAT IT GETS A NICE BIG FRAME THAT DOESN'T COST TOO MUCH!
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BUZZ SURE FELL FOR THAT LINE ABOUT MY WORKING FOR THE PICTURE FRAMER! NOW I'LL MAIL THIS PICTURE TO THE ALL-TEEN CONTEST! PATSY'S NAME AND ADDRESS IS ON THE BACK OF IT!
A WEEK LATER!
HERE'S A LETTER FOR YOU, PATSY!
IT'S FROM THE ALL-TEEN CONTEST BUREAU!!
YIP-YIPEE!! MY PICTURE MADE THE FINALS IN THE CONTEST!!
WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT?
HERE'S A BIG KISS FOR HAVING SENT IN MY PICTURE! I'M ONE OF THE SIX GIRLS WHO MADE THE FINALS IN THE ALL-TEEN BEAUTY CONTEST!
WHO, WHAT, HOW?!!
I DIDN'T SEND IN YOUR PICTURE! I GAVE IT TO CHARLEY TO---- CHARLEY!! THAT'S IT-- HE CROSSED ME UP---INSTEAD OF FRAMING IT, CHARLEY MUST HAVE SENT IT IN TO THAT DECALCOMANIA CONTEST!
THEN THAT WAS A MISPLACED KISS I GAVE YOU! IT REALLY BELONGED TO CHARLEY!
LET ME CATCH YOU KISSING CHARLEY, AND I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR WALKING PAPERS!
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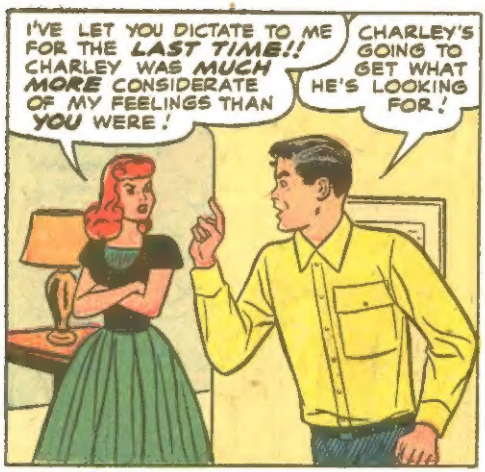
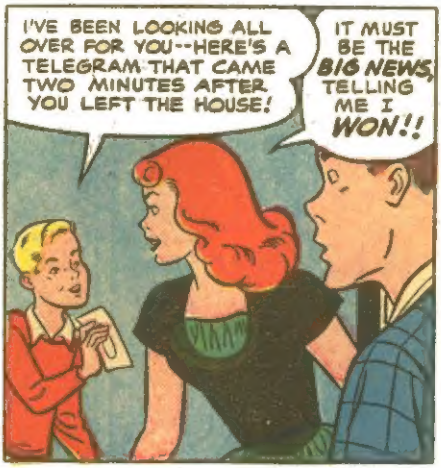

I'VE LET YOU DICTATE TO ME FOR THE LAST TIME!! CHARLEY WAS MUCH MORE CONSIDERATE OF MY FEELINGS THAN YOU WERE!
CHARLEY'S GOING TO GET WHAT HE'S LOOKING FOR!

A LITTLE LATER!
HELLO, CHARLEY! I CAME BY TO GIVE YOU A BIG KISS FOR HAVING ENTERED MY PHOTO IN THE ALL-TEEN CONTEST! I MADE THE FINALS!
BUZZ WAS HERE FIRST!

AND JUST LOOK AT THE KISS HE GAVE ME!
PATSY!!


I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU--HERE'S A TELEGRAM THAT CAME TWO MINUTES AFTER YOU LEFT THE HOUSE!
IT MUST BE THE BIG NEWS, TELLING ME I WON!!

I CAME IN SECOND! A GIRL BY THE NAME OF THERESA SHNITZELTHORP WON!

SO WHY DID YOU PIN A SHINER ON MY GOOD EYE?
BECAUSE I'M DISGRACED, AND IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR HAVING ENTERED MY PICTURE IN THE CONTEST!
PATSY, DO ME A FAVOR-- DON'T COME OVER TO KISS ME ANY MORE!
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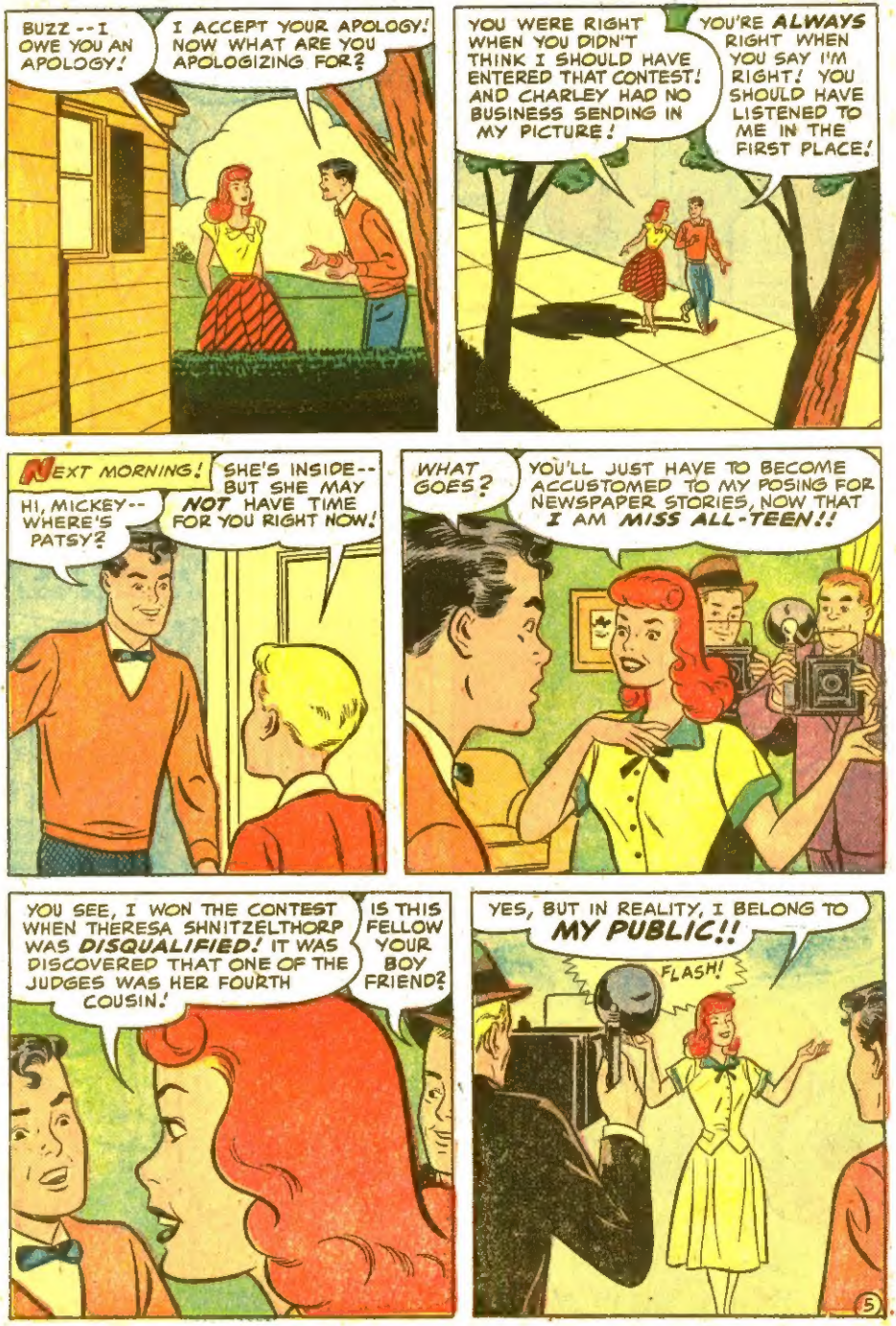
BUZZ--I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY!
I ACCEPT YOUR APOLOGY! NOW WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR?
YOU WERE RIGHT WHEN YOU DIDN'T THINK I SHOULD HAVE ENTERED THAT CONTEST! AND CHARLEY HAD NO BUSINESS SENDING IN MY PICTURE!
YOU'RE ALWAYS RIGHT WHEN YOU SAY I'M RIGHT! YOU SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE!
NEXT MORNING!
HI, MICKEY--WHERE'S PATSY?
SHE'S INSIDE--BUT SHE MAY NOT HAVE TIME FOR YOU RIGHT NOW!
WHAT GOES?
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO MY POSING FOR NEWSPAPER STORIES, NOW THAT I AM MISS ALL-TEEN!!
YOU SEE, I WON THE CONTEST WHEN THERESA SHNITZELTHORP WAS DISQUALIFIED! IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT ONE OF THE JUDGES WAS HER FOURTH COUSIN!
IS THIS FELLOW YOUR BOY FRIEND?
YES, BUT IN REALITY, I BELONG TO MY PUBLIC!!
FLASH!
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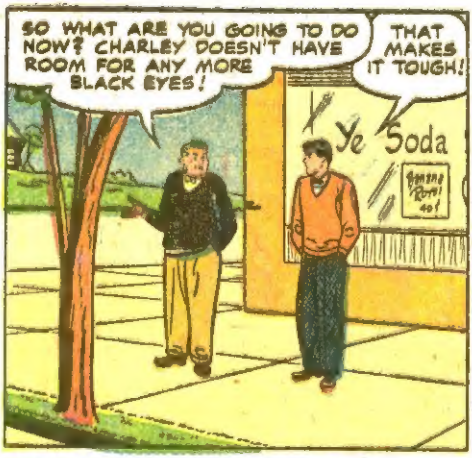
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW? CHARLEY DOESN'T HAVE ROOM FOR ANY MORE BLACK EYES!
THAT MAKES IT TOUGH!
Ye Soda

MAN, ARE YOU LUCKY!
LUCKY? IF YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT ME THAT'S LUCKY, I'D LIKE TO HEAR IT!

WELL, IT'S NOT EVERY GUY WHO HAS A GIRL FRIEND WHO WINS A BEAUTY CONTEST! NOW PATSY'S GOING TO GET A FREE SCREEN TEST!! YOU MAY SOON SEE HER KISSER ON THE SCREEN!
IF I GIVE YOU A QUARTER, WILL YOU BUY A KITE AND FLY IT?

NEXT DAY!
I'M ON MY WAY TO THE STUDIO FOR MY SCREEN TEST, MOTHER! HOW DO I LOOK?
FINE, BUT REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THE RESULT IS, WE STILL LOVE YOU, AND YOU CAN'T BECOME AN ACTRESS UNTIL YOU FINISH SCHOOL!

GROWN-UPS SHOULDN'T TRY TO STIFLE YOUNG TALENT! TOODLE-OO, MOTHER!
TOODLE-OO!

SHE TOLD ME THAT IF SHE WINS THE OSCAR, SHE'LL THANK US IN HER ACCEPTANCE SPEECH!
LET'S NOT BE TOO HARD ON HER!
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A FEW DAYS LATER!
I CAN STILL GO OUT WITH YOU, WHILE I'M NOT UNDER CONTRACT! OF COURSE, ONCE I HEAR THAT MY SCREEN TEST WON ME A STARRING ROLE, THINGS MIGHT BE DIFFERENT!
IF YOU GO TO HOLLYWOOD, I'LL BE GLAD I'M HERE!!

NOT MUCH LATER--
SAY, PATSY--I'VE GOT THE JALOPY OUTSIDE---HOW ABOUT GOING TO A DRIVE-IN?
TERRIF! I'LL RUN UPSTAIRS AND CHANGE-- I'LL ONLY BE TWO SECONDS!

SHE SURE MADE A RAPID RECOVERY!
I KNEW SHE WOULD--- THAT'S WHY I PHONED BUZZ AND TOLD HIM TO GET OVER FAST! YOU'VE GOT TO BE ON THE BALL WHEN YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER LIKE PATSY!
THE END

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN TEEN TALES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER! ATLAS

the PRESENTS

FRANCIE pulled the red gown from her closet. Just as she considered her sad plight, her mother walked in and smiled.

"There, dear, I thought there was a gown in your closet you could wear to the sorority dance."

Francie sighed. "Oh yes, it's lovely, Especially with the stain I got when the punch bowl spilled last year, remember? Oh, I don't know what I'll do if Daddy still refuses to buy me a new gown."

But Francie's mother wasn't to be discouraged by her daughter's wails.

"I have a splendid idea, Francie," her mother beamed, picking up the red gown which had slipped to the floor from the bed. "Look . . . this stain is all the way down by the hem. We can cut the dress down to a ballerina-length, and it will be very pretty that way."

"Oh, mom," Francie wailed, "none of the other girls are going to wear short gowns. Wouldn't I look like a ninny in an outfit like that?"

Francie's mother stood and addressed her gravely. "Well, Francie, if you can't cooperate with your father in making things do, trying to cut down on expenses, I can't see that you're justified in expecting more money from him. Either cut the dress to three-quarter length or don't go to the dance. It's up to you."

Now she was really in trouble. After her mother left the room, Francie felt a panic creeping up her back. "This is just GREAT . . . somehow . . . SOME WAY, I've got to convince Daddy that I must have a new dress." Francie was deep in thought, and as an idea crept into her head, she began to smile.

The next day in school, her friend Rhoda walked to English with her. "Gee, I'll bet with the big sorority dance coming up, your birthday seems a little less important this year, doesn't it?"

Francie said, "Why, no, I'd say it was rather important, Rhoda. Very important."

Rhoda continued to talk. "Well, are you expecting some super presents from your folks? Did you ask them for anything special? Like a new gown, f'r'instance?"

"Gosh, no . . . Dad is putting his foot down this year about new dance dresses. As a matter of fact, I asked Daddy last night for an album of Batwing Slicker records."

"WHAT? BATWING SLICKER? . . . you must be nutty. I happen to know that you hate his band. You said to me only last week that you thought his music was the most horrible you've ever heard in your whole life. Are you crazy? Anyhow, why didn't you just ask him for money, so you could buy a new dress?"

"Oh, it's thumbs down on money for things like that, too. Dad said I could have anything but a new dress and money, as long as I had an old gown hanging in the closet that could be made over. I asked MOM for something else too . . . a kitten."

"A KITTEN? HEY, what's wrong with you? You always hated cats."

"Yes, I know . . . isn't this going to be a wonderful birthday, Rhoda?" Francie smiled, as she left her confused friend standing with her mouth open.

Francie's birthday was on Wednesday, and the sorority dance was scheduled for Saturday night. When Francie woke up on Wednesday morning, she felt unusually good, and she looked forward to going down to the breakfast table. She dressed and washed quickly, and bounded down the steps with anticipation in her eyes.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Francie," her mother and father cried as she reached the last step and stood before a gay breakfast table. Her eyes scanned the large, strange-looking package that rested before her place at the table, and hurried to open it.

She untied miles of ribbon, but before she could rip open the paper, a tiny white and

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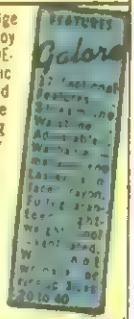

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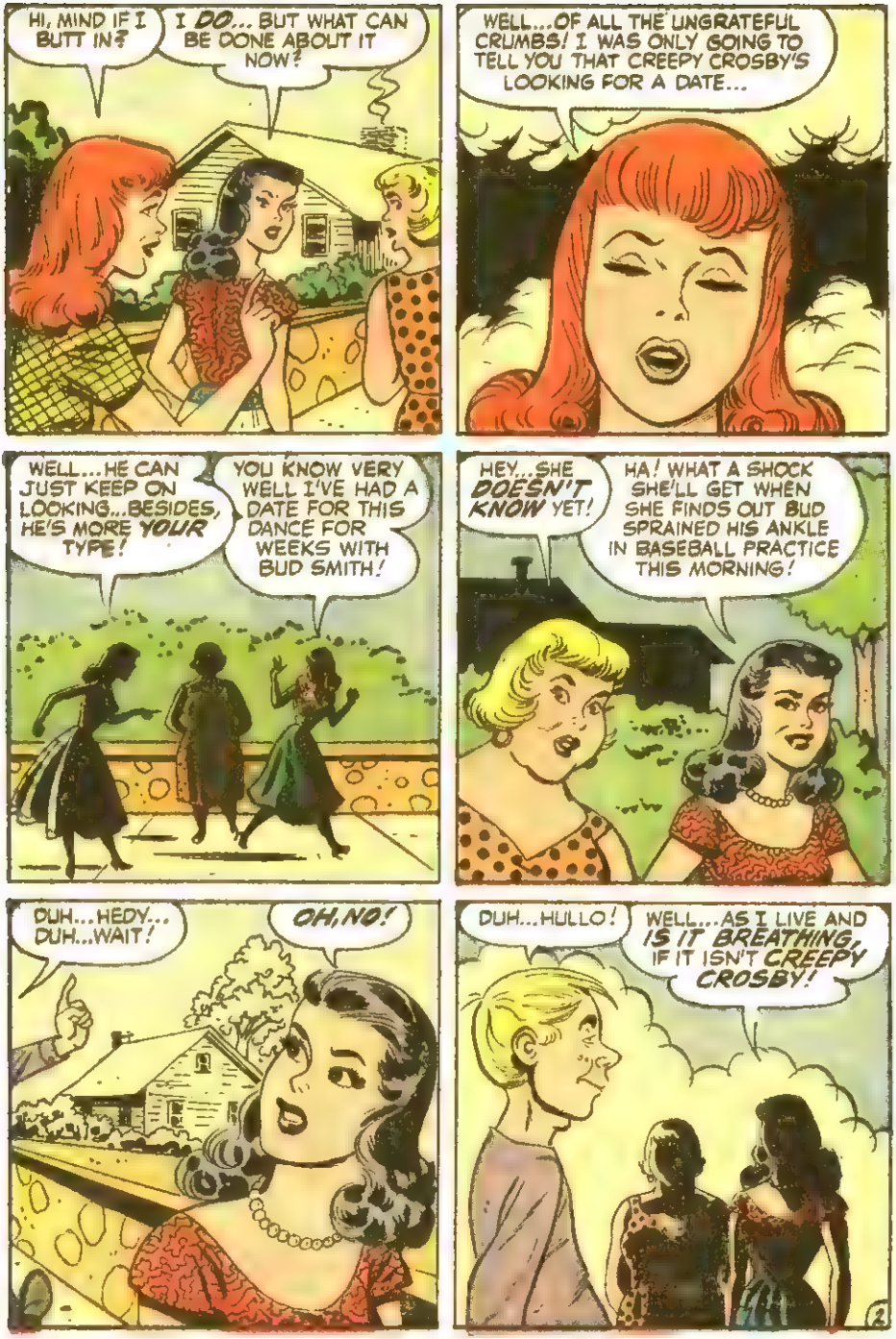
HEDY WOLFE

YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU'RE STILL WAITING FOR BUZZ TO ASK YOU TO THE DANCE?
I'M SURE HE'LL ASK ME... HE HINTED VERY STRONGLY!
ICE CREAM

LAST WEEK AS I WAS HANGING ONE OF THE DANCE POSTERS IN SCHOOL HE SAID, "WE'LL SURE HAVE FUN AT THE DANCE, EH, HEDY?"

...AND YOU THINK THAT MEANS HE'S GOING TO TAKE YOU?
WHAT ELSE!!


HI, MIND IF I BUTT IN?
I DO... BUT WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT NOW?
WELL...OF ALL THE UNGRATEFUL CRUMBS! I WAS ONLY GOING TO TELL YOU THAT CREEPY CROSBY'S LOOKING FOR A DATE...
WELL...HE CAN JUST KEEP ON LOOKING...BESIDES, HE'S MORE YOUR TYPE!
YOU KNOW VERY WELL I'VE HAD A DATE FOR THIS DANCE FOR WEEKS WITH BUD SMITH!
HEY...SHE DOESN'T KNOW YET!
HA! WHAT A SHOCK SHE'LL GET WHEN SHE FINDS OUT BUD SPRAINED HIS ANKLE IN BASEBALL PRACTICE THIS MORNING!
DUH...HEDY... DUH...WAIT!
OH, NO!
DUH...HULLO!
WELL...AS I LIVE AND IS IT BREATHING, IF IT ISN'T CREEPY CROSBY!
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DUH...HAW HAW... DAT'S FUNNY...
IF HE UNDERSTOOD IT HE WOULDN'T THINK SO, THE DRIP!
NOW WHAT DID PATSY SEND YOU TO ME FOR...AS IF I DIDN'T KNOW!
HUH??
OH...COME, COME, CREEPY... DON'T ACT DUMB... ON YOU IT LOOKS NATURAL!
HAW, HAW! 'AT'S FUNNY TOO...I THINK?
ANYWAY...DUH...ABOUT DUH...DANCE...
HAH!...I KNEW IT... WELL, LET ME SET YOU STRAIGHT, CHUM!
I'M NOT AVAILABLE!
OH GOSH...DUH...I'M SURE CONFUSED NOW!
OH...CHEER UP, CREEPY... YOU'LL GET A DATE ONE OF THESE DAYS...
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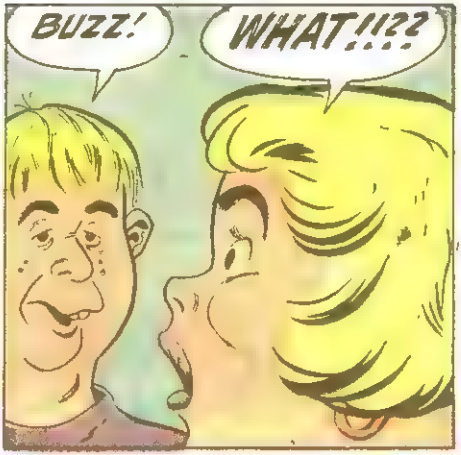
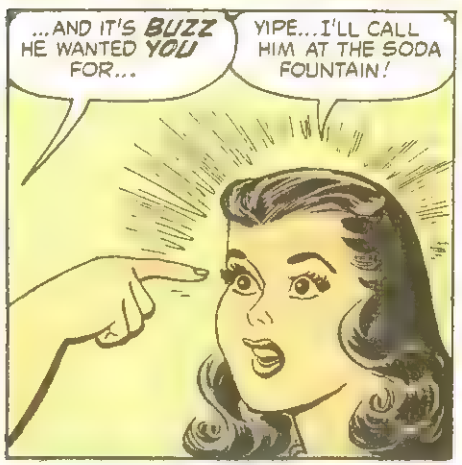
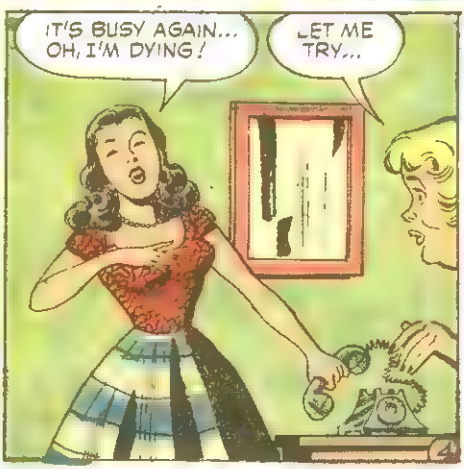
OH, DUH, I AIN'T CONFUSED ABOUT DAT... DUH...I ALREADY GOT A DATE FOR TOMORROW'S DANCE...DUH...
HUH? THEN WHAT DID YOU WANT HEDY FOR?


BUZZ!
WHAT!!??

DUH...HE SUDDENLY HAD TO DRIVE HIS MOM SOMEPLACE SO HE TOLD ME TO FIND HEDY AND ASK HER TO...DUH...GO WITH HIM...BUT NOW, DUH...GAWSH... I BETTER GET A SODA AND DO SOME THINKIN'!

HEDY...I'VE GOT BIG NEWS!


...AND IT'S BUZZ HE WANTED YOU FOR...
YIPE...I'LL CALL HIM AT THE SODA FOUNTAIN!


IT'S BUSY AGAIN... OH, I'M DYING!
LET ME TRY...

IS IT STILL BUSY?
NO! CAN I SPEAK TO CREEPY... HI, CREEPY... HOLD IT, HEDY WANTS TO... WHAT'S THAT? OH... I SEE...
WHAT HAPPENED!!??
PATSY FOUND OUT THAT BUD SMITH SPRAINED HIS ANKLE...
WHO CARES...
YOU SHOULD...
...CAUSE CREEPY JUST DATED PATSY WITH BUZZ!
OHHH!!
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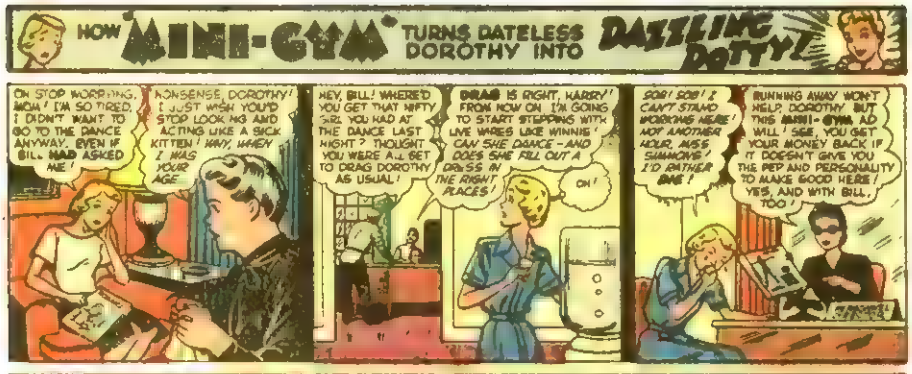
YOU'LL LAUGH WITH AND LOVE AMERICA'S NEWEST
BEAUTIFUL BLONDE GIRL-FRIEND
MY GIRL PEARL
AMERICA'S DARLING DUM-WIT
PEARL
PEARL, THE POOL IS EMPTY!!
GOOD! I HATE CROWDS!
ALL NEW LAUGHS with PRETTY PEARL DIMLY!


HOW MINI-GYM TURNS DATELESS DOROTHY INTO DAZZLING DOTTY!
OH STOP WORRYING, MOM! I'M SO TIRED, I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE DANCE ANYWAY, EVEN IF BILL HAD ASKED ME!
NONSENSE, DOROTHY! I JUST WISH YOU'D STOP LOOKING AND ACTING LIKE A SICK KITTEN! WHY, WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE
HEY, BILL! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT NIFTY GIRL YOU HAD AT THE DANCE LAST NIGHT? THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL SET TO DRAG DOROTHY AS USUAL!
DRAG IS RIGHT, HARRY! FROM NOW ON I'M GOING TO START STEPPING WITH LIVE WIRES LIKE WINNIE! CAN SHE DANCE—AND DOES SHE FILL OUT A DRESS IN THE RIGHT PLACES!
OH!
SOB! SOB! I CAN'T STAND WORKING HERE! NOT ANOTHER HOUR, MISS SIMMONS! I'D RATHER DIE!
RUNNING AWAY WON'T HELP, DOROTHY, BUT THIS MINI-GYM AD WILL! SEE, YOU GET YOUR MONEY BACK IF IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE PEP AND PERSONALITY TO MAKE GOOD HERE! YES, AND WITH BILL, TOO!
OKAY, MOM, I'LL BE DOWN TO BREAKFAST IN A SECOND! I JUST WANT TO DO JOE BONOMO'S TRICKY EXERCISE TO REGAIN THE SLICK FIGURE I REMEMBER HOW I USED TO HATE EXERCISE?
SO DID I, BUT NOT SINCE YOU GOT MINI-GYM! I'M SO HAPPY OVER THE 5 POUNDS I'VE LOST USING IT ONLY 10 MINUTES A DAY!
TWO MONTHS LATER
AW PLEASE, DOROTHY! YOU PROMISED ME A DANCE AN HOUR AGO
SCRAM, BILL! DAZZLING DOTTY'S MY GIRL TONIGHT!
WHY, BILL! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND "WINNIE THE LIVE WIRE"?
BUT BILL, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KIDNAPPED ME FROM THE DANCE LIKE THIS! WHAT WILL HARRY THINK?
TO HECK WITH HARRY! YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME! YOU'LL BE WEARING MY RING AS SOON AS THE STORES OPEN TOMORROW! SO SAY "YES" FAST, DOTTY!

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black head peeped out and mewed, the colored wrapping paper framing the little kitten's face. Ordinarily, Francie would have leaped away in disgust, for she hated cats, as Rhoda had said, but this particular cat meant a lot to her. She almost found it pleasurable to cuddle the tiny animal in her arms, thanking her mother. After a few minutes, she opened the Batwing swing records, and tried to look delirious with joy as she kissed her father to thank him for the gift.

But it was a school day, and Francie had to rush through her breakfast in order to get to school on time. As she gulped down the last bit of milk in her glass, she gathered her books together, put the new record album in her room, and waved goodbye to the kitten who was quite contented in the middle of the kitchen floor with a bowl of warm milk.

Francie could hardly sit still all day in school, and she felt a great relief when three o'clock finally came. She dashed out of school even before any of her friends could wish her a happy birthday, and was on the back porch in just a few minutes. She opened the kitchen door and walked into the house.

"Oh, THERE you are," her mother cried. "For your information, young lady, this is YOUR kitten, and if you think I'm going to have her scratching up my furniture, clawing at my good curtains, you have another think coming."

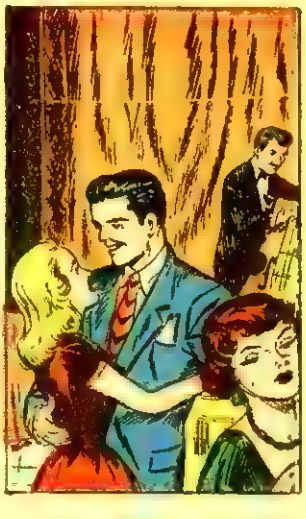
Her plan was working. Francie shrugged her shoulders as she picked up the little cat almost lovingly, and said, "Well, Mom, you can't expect me to take her to school with me, now, can you?"

Her mother had only a scowl for an answer to that, and Francie went up to her room to do her homework.

She found it hard to concentrate on Geometry and History lessons until the moment she heard the back door open. She heard voices from downstairs.

"Have a good day, Mary?" her father was asking of her mother.

"Oh, you're home, Jim. Nice day? Oh, yes, very nice . . . chasing after that confounded kitten, pulling her away from



my best curtains, shooing her off my furniture. Oh, I've been going mad all day."

Francie laughed as she heard her father reply, "Well, after all, dear, YOU gave her the kitten for her birthday . . . you couldn't expect Francie to take the kitten to school!"

Then Francie sprung into action. She put one of the Batwing records on her phonograph machine, and turned the volume up as far as it could go. The horrible music blared and blasted, and Francie had to hold her hands to ears in order not to scream. The sound of angry footsteps brought her to the door

It was her father. He swung open the door and shouted, "Listen here, Francie . . if you don t shut that . . . oohhhh . . ."

Then her mother came up, holding the kitten in one hand "Now Francie . . . I've had to chase this thing around all day . . . I insist we do something about it."

Francie looked innocent. "Well, dad, mom, you can take the records back . . . and give the kitten away to someone who can care for it, if you want to."

Her father smiled. "Fine . . . anything else we can give you instead?"

"Nothing . . . n-no, not a t-thing, t-thank you." Francie said, trying hard to squeeze tears from her eyes.

She covered her face to keep back the laughter as she saw her mother and father look at each other, both feeling very guilty.

When her father handed her five $5 bills, she had to laugh, and was relieved to see her mother and father laughing too.

"W-where are you going, dear," her mother shouted, as Francie grabbed her coat and pocketbook, tucking the bills neatly inside.

"Oh, I've already done my homework," she answered, "and the stores are open late tonight. I'll be back later," she said, winking, "and with a new dress!"

The two people who stood alone on the staircase held up their hands helplessly, shaking with laughter.

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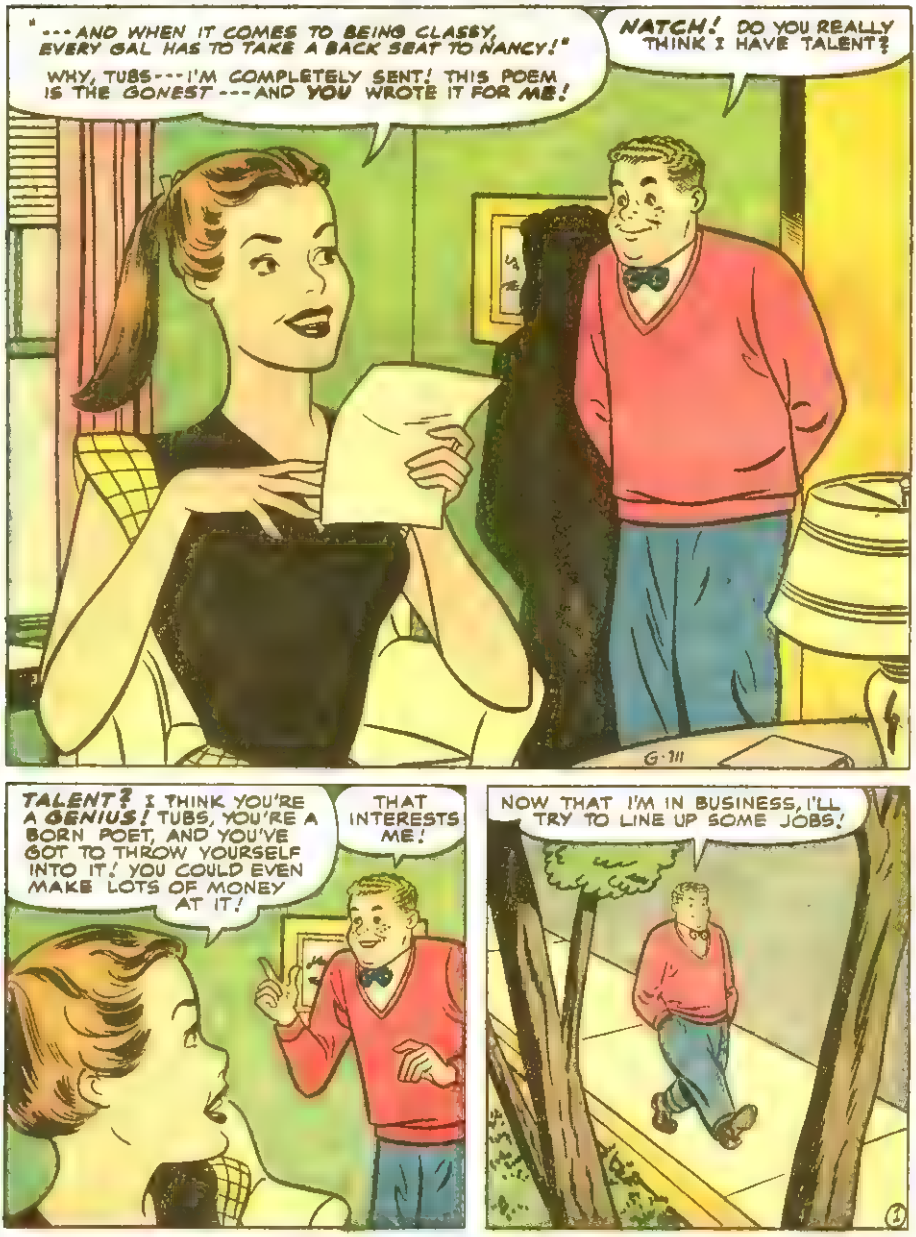
"---AND WHEN IT COMES TO BEING CLASSY, EVERY GAL HAS TO TAKE A BACK SEAT TO NANCY!"
WHY, TUBS---I'M COMPLETELY SENT! THIS POEM IS THE GONEST---AND YOU WROTE IT FOR ME!
NATCH! DO YOU REALLY THINK I HAVE TALENT?
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TALENT? I THINK YOU'RE A GENIUS! TUBS, YOU'RE A BORN POET, AND YOU'VE GOT TO THROW YOURSELF INTO IT! YOU COULD EVEN MAKE LOTS OF MONEY AT IT!
THAT INTERESTS ME!
NOW THAT I'M IN BUSINESS, I'LL TRY TO LINE UP SOME JOBS!
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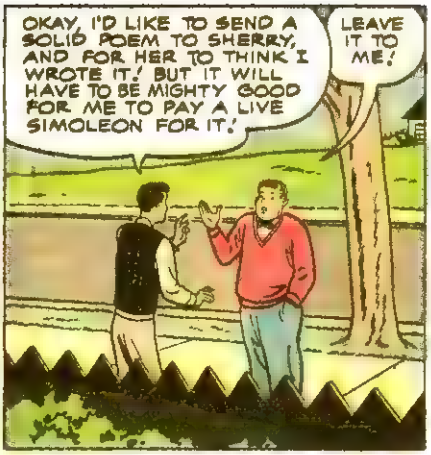
HOW DO I KNOW I'LL LIKE THE POEM YOU'LL WRITE FOR ME TO GIVE TO JANIE?
WELL, IF YOU DO LIKE IT, WILL YOU PAY ME A BUCK FOR IT?
IT'S A DEAL!
Cool Cold
Choc fix


OKAY, I'D LIKE TO SEND A SOLID POEM TO SHERRY, AND FOR HER TO THINK I WROTE IT! BUT IT WILL HAVE TO BE MIGHTY GOOD FOR ME TO PAY A LIVE SIMOLEON FOR IT!
LEAVE IT TO ME!

THAT'S PRETTY GOOD FOR A START! I'VE LINED UP SEVEN JOBS, WHICH WILL MEAN SEVEN DOLLARS! NOW I'D BETTER GO HOME AND GET TO WORK!
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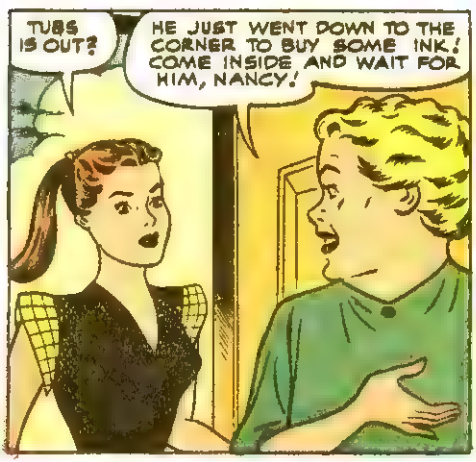
LATER!
I'LL DROP IN ON TUBS AND SEE HOW HE'S DOING AS A PROFESSIONAL POET!


TUBS IS OUT?
HE JUST WENT DOWN TO THE CORNER TO BUY SOME INK! COME INSIDE AND WAIT FOR HIM, NANCY!

AH---THIS MUST BE THE STUFF HE'S BEEN WRITING!
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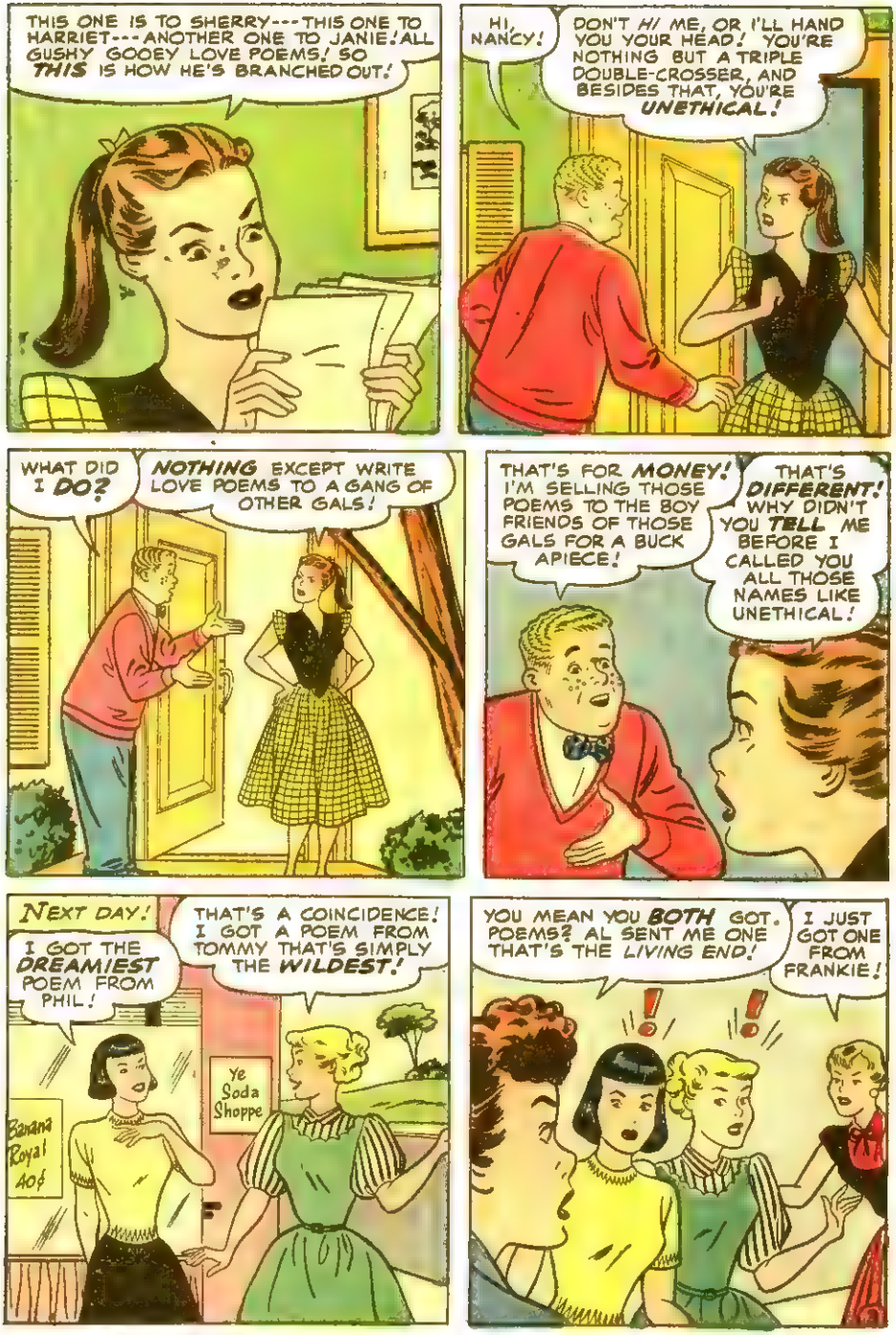
THIS ONE IS TO SHERRY---THIS ONE TO HARRIET---ANOTHER ONE TO JANIE! ALL GUSHY GOOEY LOVE POEMS! SO THIS IS HOW HE'S BRANCHED OUT!
HI, NANCY!
DON'T HI ME, OR I'LL HAND YOU YOUR HEAD! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A TRIPLE DOUBLE-CROSSER, AND BESIDES THAT, YOU'RE UNETHICAL!
WHAT DID I DO?
NOTHING EXCEPT WRITE LOVE POEMS TO A GANG OF OTHER GALS!
THAT'S FOR MONEY! I'M SELLING THOSE POEMS TO THE BOY FRIENDS OF THOSE GALS FOR A BUCK APIECE!
THAT'S DIFFERENT! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME BEFORE I CALLED YOU ALL THOSE NAMES LIKE UNETHICAL!
NEXT DAY!
I GOT THE DREAMIEST POEM FROM PHIL!
THAT'S A COINCIDENCE! I GOT A POEM FROM TOMMY THAT'S SIMPLY THE WILDEST!
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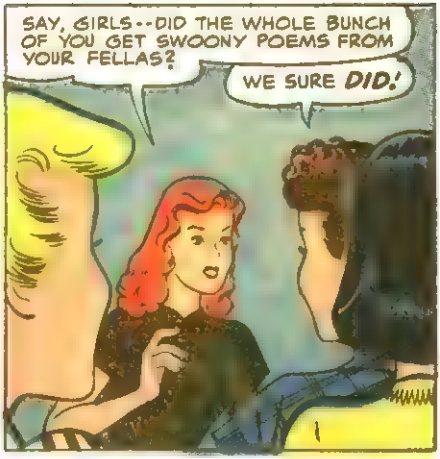
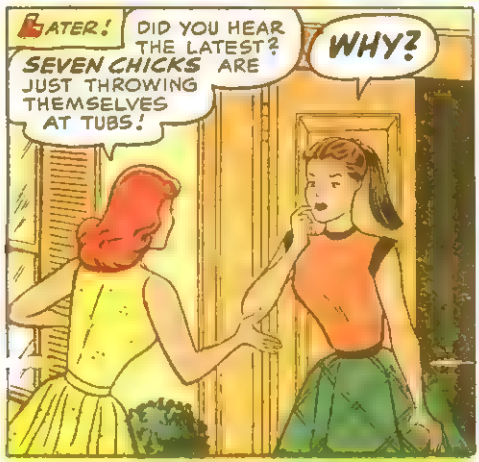
YOU MEAN YOU BOTH GOT POEMS? AL SENT ME ONE THAT'S THE LIVING END!
I JUST GOT ONE FROM FRANKIE!

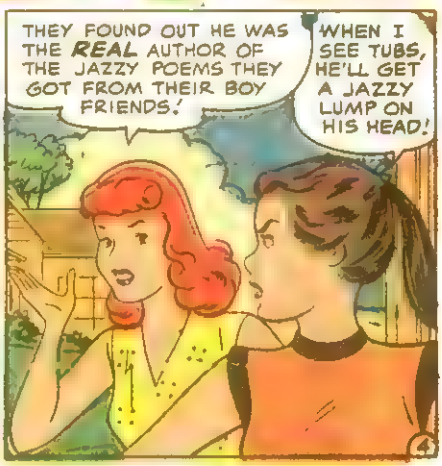
I'M SUSPICIOUS! THERE'S SOMETHING PHONY ABOUT ALL OF US GETTING POEMS FROM OUR BOY FRIENDS THE SAME DAY!
YOU THINK SO?
WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
Ye Soda Shoppe


SAY, GIRLS--DID THE WHOLE BUNCH OF YOU GET SWOONY POEMS FROM YOUR FELLAS?
WE SURE DID!

WELL, TUBS WROTE ALL OF THEM FOR A DOLLAR APIECE! HIS KID SISTER TOLD MY KID BROTHER!
SO THAT'S IT!

WELL, MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE REAL POET!
TUBS IS REAL ROMANTIC TO HAVE WRITTEN A POEM LIKE THE ONE I GOT!
AND HOW! I SWAYED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT WHEN I READ MINE!


LATER!
DID YOU HEAR THE LATEST? SEVEN CHICKS ARE JUST THROWING THEMSELVES AT TUBS!
WHY?


THEY FOUND OUT HE WAS THE REAL AUTHOR OF THE JAZZY POEMS THEY GOT FROM THEIR BOY FRIENDS!
WHEN I SEE TUBS, HE'LL GET A JAZZY LUMP ON HIS HEAD!
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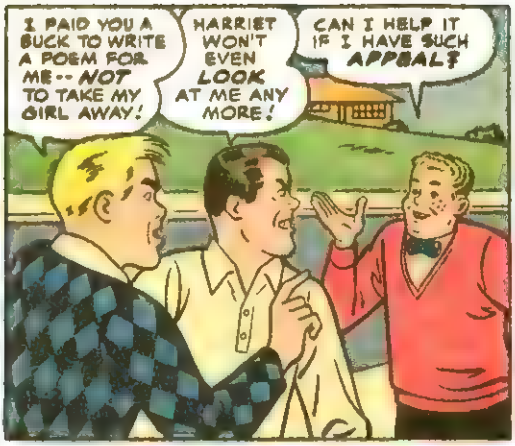
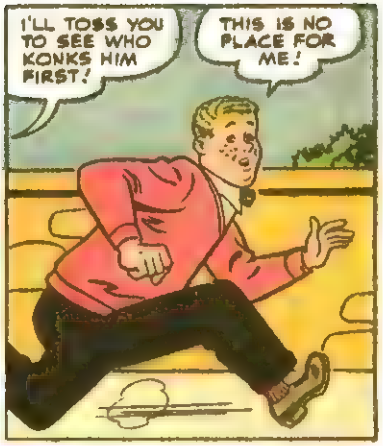
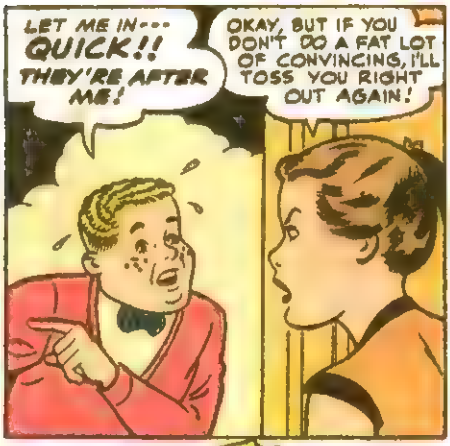

I PAID YOU A BUCK TO WRITE A POEM FOR ME -- NOT TO TAKE MY GIRL AWAY!
HARRIET WON'T EVEN LOOK AT ME ANY MORE!
CAN I HELP IT IF I HAVE SUCH APPEAL?





A FEW MINUTES LATER---
YOU WROTE ANOTHER ONE?
LISTEN TO IT--- "THERE IS NO DOUBT BUT THAT MY POETRY MUST GO, FOR I CANNOT FIGHT LIKE MARCIANO. A POET'S LIFE MAY BE GREAT, BUT ALAS, FOR ME, ALL VIOLENCE I HATE!"
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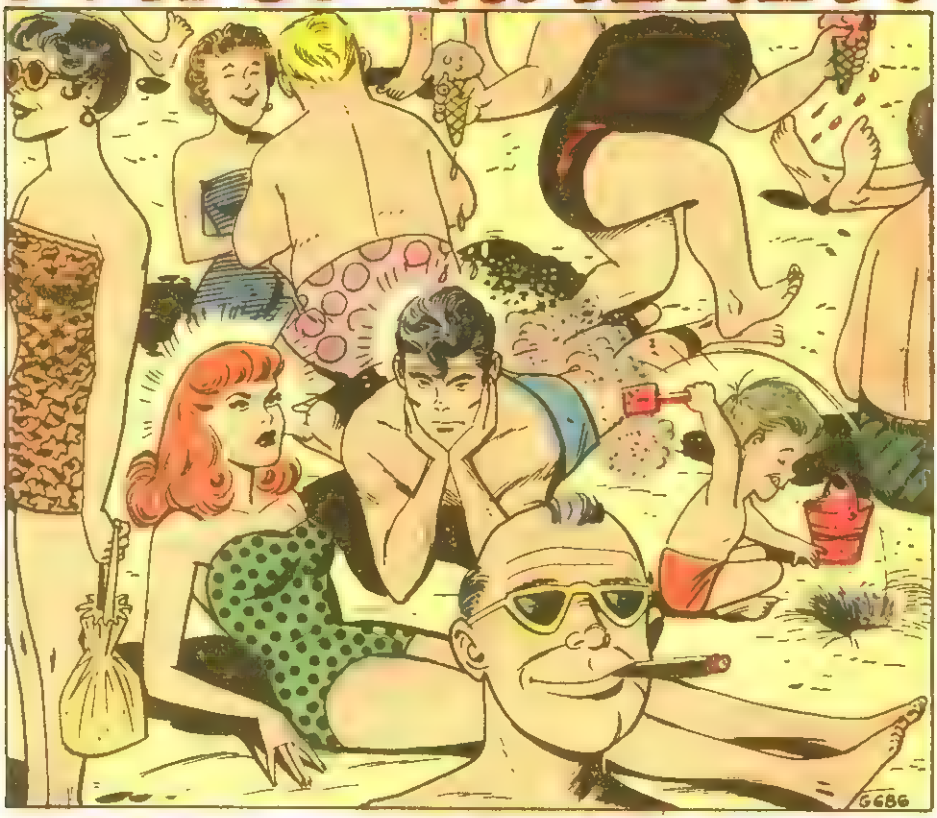

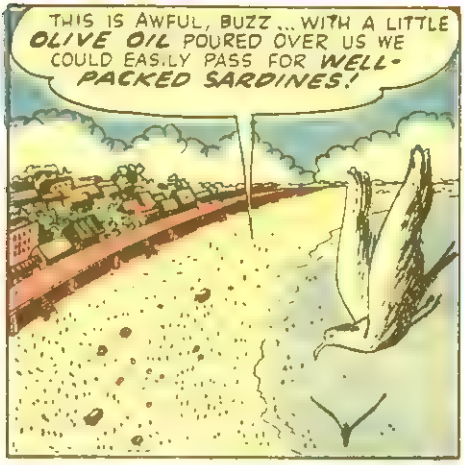

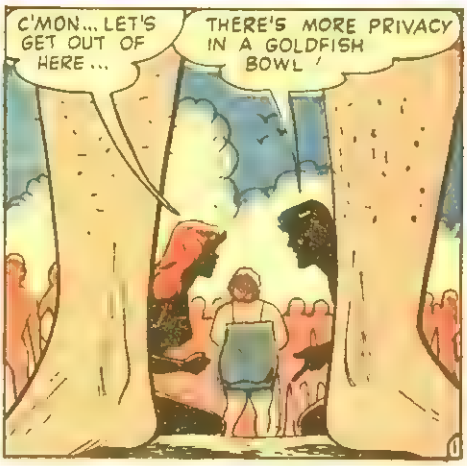

PATSY... LOOK!!
IS IT REAL?
I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE...
MUST BE A MIRAGE!
CAN YOU IMAGINE A BEAUTIFUL UNINHABITED ISLAND AROUND HERE?
SHH!! MIRAGE OR NOT... IT'S OURS AND I DON'T WANT THE CROWDS TO SWARM ALL OVER IT!
BUT HOW DO WE GET THERE?
BY BOAT, OF COURSE, SILLY!
OF COURSE...ER, WOULD YOU KINDLY PASS THE BOAT PLEASE!
OH... I FORGOT WE DON'T OWN ONE!
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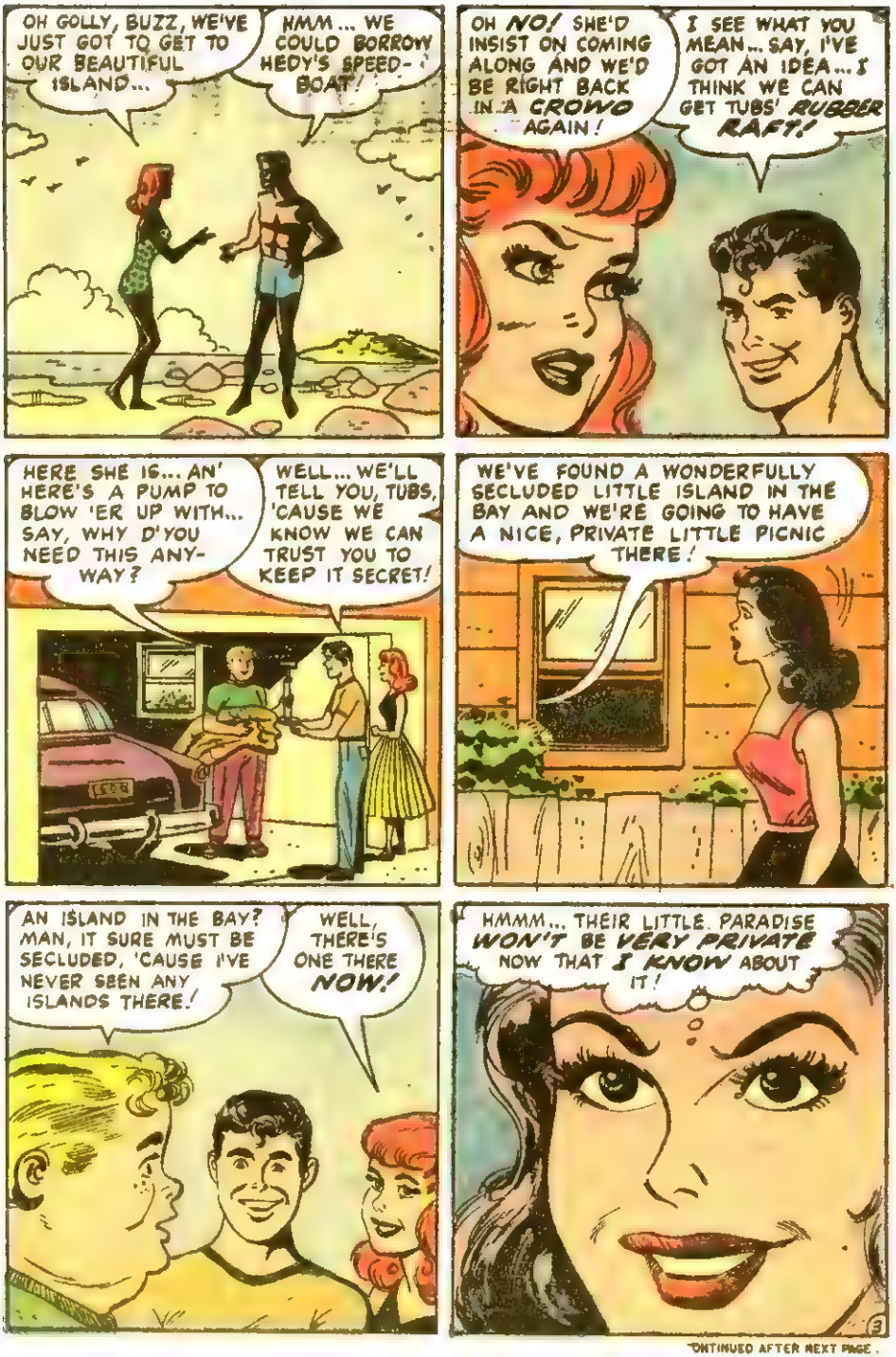
OH GOLLY, BUZZ, WE'VE JUST GOT TO GET TO OUR BEAUTIFUL ISLAND...
HMM... WE COULD BORROW HEDY'S SPEED-BOAT!
OH NO! SHE'D INSIST ON COMING ALONG AND WE'D BE RIGHT BACK IN A CROWD AGAIN!
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN... SAY, I'VE GOT AN IDEA... I THINK WE CAN GET TUBS' RUBBER RAFT!
HERE SHE IS... AN' HERE'S A PUMP TO BLOW 'ER UP WITH... SAY, WHY D'YOU NEED THIS ANY-WAY?
WELL... WE'LL TELL YOU, TUBS, 'CAUSE WE KNOW WE CAN TRUST YOU TO KEEP IT SECRET!
WE'VE FOUND A WONDERFULLY SECLUDED LITTLE ISLAND IN THE BAY AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A NICE, PRIVATE LITTLE PICNIC THERE!
AN ISLAND IN THE BAY? MAN, IT SURE MUST BE SECLUDED, 'CAUSE I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY ISLANDS THERE!
WELL, THERE'S ONE THERE NOW!
HMMM... THEIR LITTLE PARADISE WON'T BE VERY PRIVATE NOW THAT I KNOW ABOUT IT!

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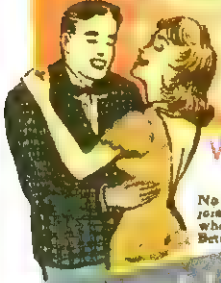

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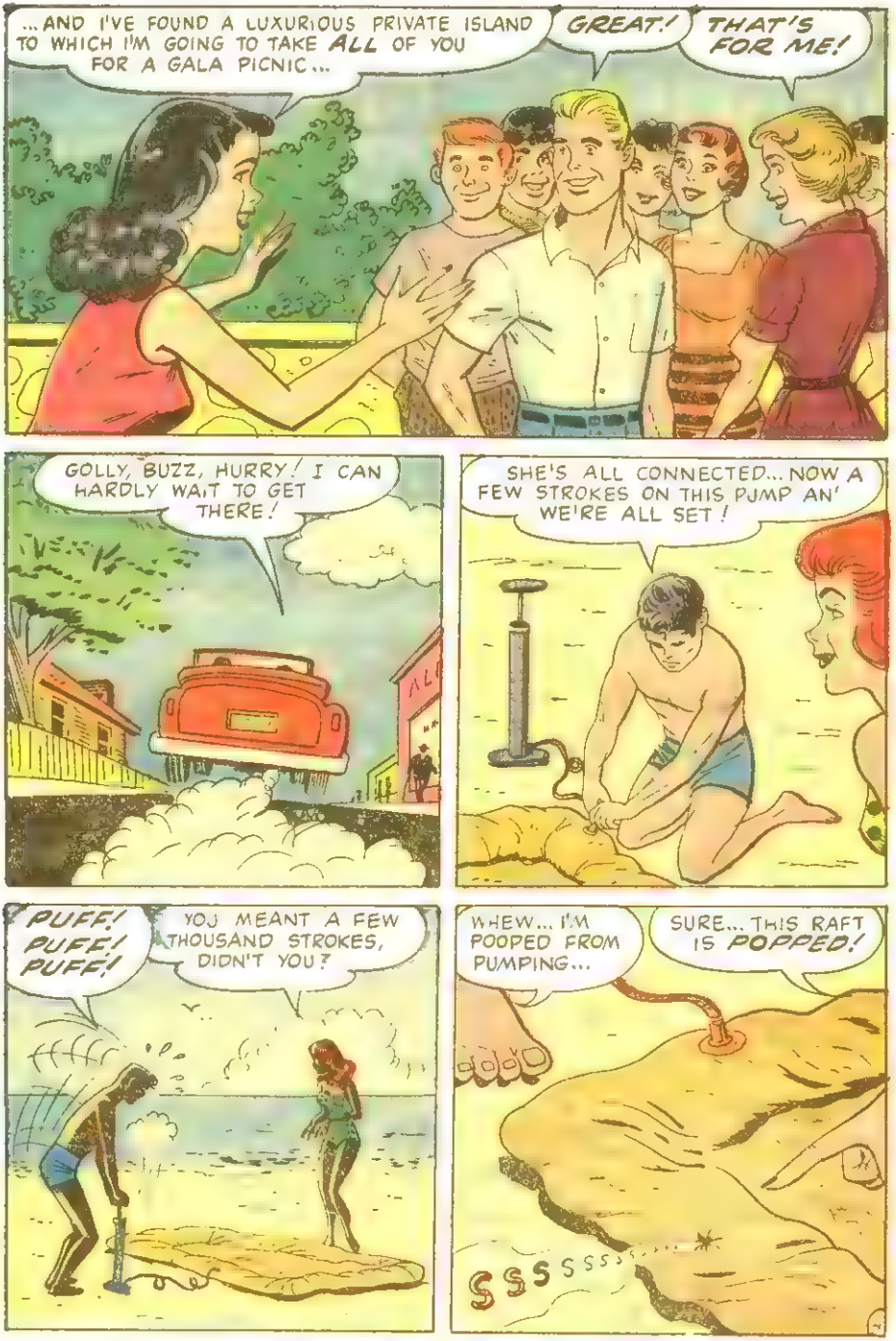
...AND I'VE FOUND A LUXURIOUS PRIVATE ISLAND TO WHICH I'M GOING TO TAKE ALL OF YOU FOR A GALA PICNIC...
GREAT!
THAT'S FOR ME!
GOLLY, BUZZ, HURRY! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET THERE!
SHE'S ALL CONNECTED... NOW A FEW STROKES ON THIS PUMP AN' WE'RE ALL SET!
PUFF! PUFF! PUFF!
YOU MEANT A FEW THOUSAND STROKES, DIDN'T YOU?
WHEW... I'M POOPED FROM PUMPING...
SURE... THIS RAFT IS POPPED!
SSSSSSS

WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT TO A GAS STATION AND GET IT PATCHED!
LET'S HURRY!

MEANWHILE...
AHHH...THERE'S THE ISLAND...BUT PATSY AND BUZZ AREN'T THERE YET!

HEH, HEH...THIS'LL BE EVEN MORE FUN... ESPECIALLY THE EXPRESSION ON PATSY'S FACE WHEN SHE SEES THIS MOB!

WELL... WE'RE ALL SET NOW...
THERE'S NOT MUCH OF THE DAY LEFT NOW...
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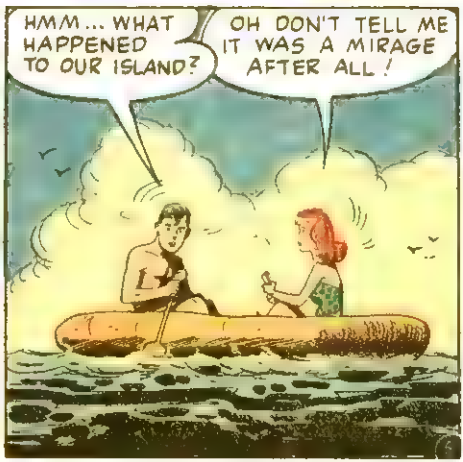
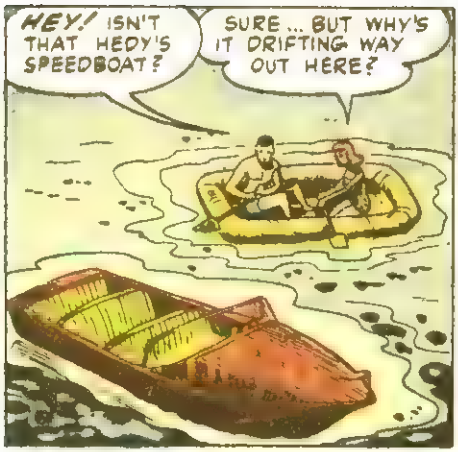
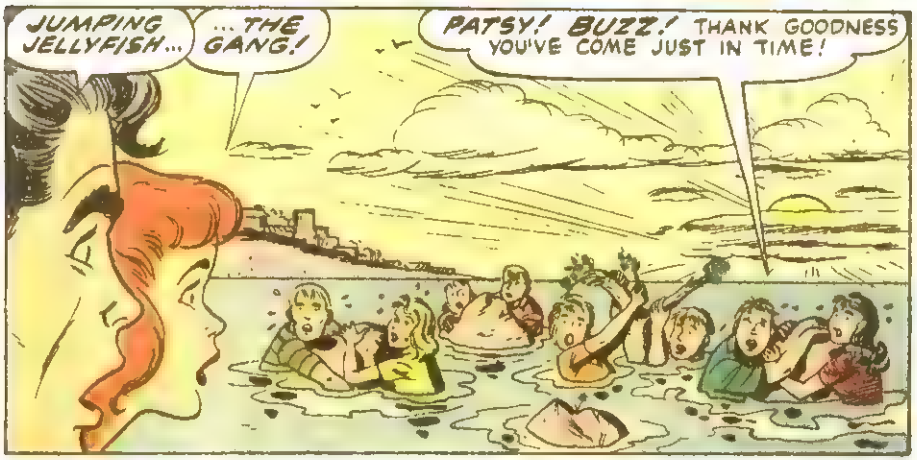
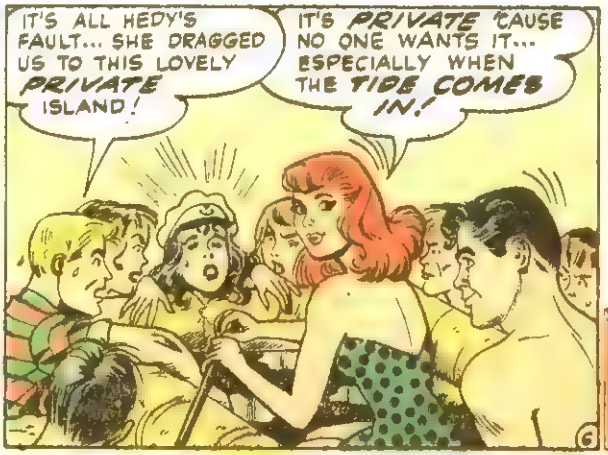

HMM... WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR ISLAND?
OH DON'T TELL ME IT WAS A MIRAGE AFTER ALL!



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